UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Lenihan

TO : MR. SULLIVAN

DATE: 2-19-64

FROM : MR. BRANIGAN

1 - Mr. Branigan

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

At 3:55 p.m., 2-18-64, SAC Gordon Shanklin, Dallas, was requested to clarify dates of 1-30 and 1-31-64 appearing on page 32 of Dallas report by SA Gemberling dated 2-11-64. Shanklin subsequently advised both dates should be 1-30-64.

Dallas was referred to their teletype of 2-18-64 reporting results of interview of Marina Oswald 2-17-64. It was pointed out that referenced teletype reported that Marina Oswald had stated that Lee Harvey Oswald had told her after the Walker incident that he had practiced with a rifle in a field and that one night in January, 1963, when they resided at the Neeley Street address Oswald was cleaning his rifle and told Marina he had been practicing that day.

Marina also recalled that in March, 1963, Oswald had his rifle when he boarded a "Love Field bus" and that he later told her he had practiced firing this rifle. Since investigation has disclosed Oswald purchased the assassination rifle from Klein's Sporting Goods of Chicago, Illinois, in March, 1963, and that he was residing at 604 Elsbeth Street, Dallas, at that time, the Dallas Office was requested to immediately determine if Oswald had a rifle in January, 1963, as reported in referenced teletype and if so, to determine full particulars re such weapon. Dallas was likewise instructed to conduct appropriate inquiries at Love Field to determine if there is a firing range there which Oswald could have used in his practice in firing his rifle. Dallas was also requested to determine if there are other public ranges near Love Field which could have been utilized by Oswald in practicing with this weapon.

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RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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ACTION:

SAC Shanklin was advised that we are withholding dissemination of the 2-17-64 interview of Marina Oswald pending clarification concerning the rifle in question. He was requested to submit results by teletype.